



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's University Parish provides a *welcoming faith community* for students, families, and individuals that share a geographic, intellectual, or historic connection to the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). We exist to *encourage, inform, and support the faith journey of all who have come to UAF* with a background in the Catholic tradition. St. Mark's also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.

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St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Confessions: Saturday at 3pm at SHC or before 5:30pm Mass

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact our Parish Office @ stmark@cbna.org.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

6/18-27: 6:30 PM Novena at ICC for the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Rosary, followed by the Novena and Holy Mass.

6/21: 5 PM **Young Adult** Outing – Goldpanners Game

6/22: Feast of Corpus Christi

6/22: 2:30 PM Corpus Christi Procession starting at SHC ending at ICC. Come walk the street with others.

6/27: Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus

7/6-8: Catholic Youth Conference in Anchorage

Catholic Definitions: Novena

Nine days of public or private prayer for some special occasion or intention. Its origin goes back to the nine days that the Disciples and Mary spent together in prayer between Ascension and Pentecost Sunday. Over the centuries many novenas have been highly indulgenced by the Church. In modern times the one before Pentecost was prescribed for parochial churches. (Etym. Latin *novem*, nine.)

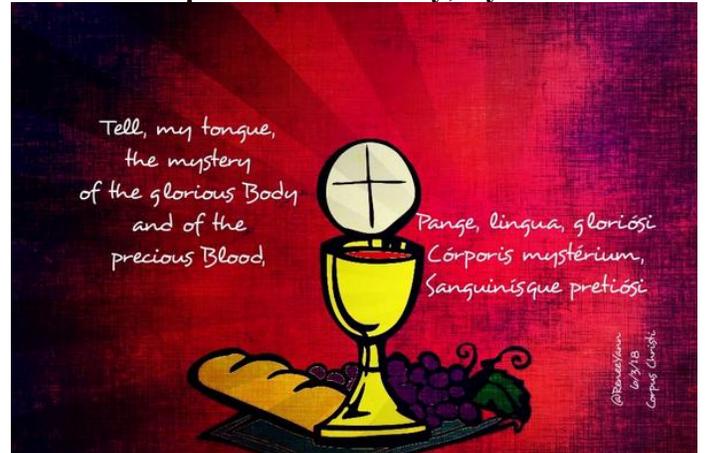
www.catholicculture.org

32 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

24. A servant's heart. "God, please help my children develop servants' hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men" (Eph. 6:7).

June 22, 2025

Corpus Christi Sunday, Cycle C



First Reading: *Genesis 14:18-20*

Melchizedek, king of Salem, blessed Abram.

Responsorial: *Psalm 110:1-4*

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:11b-17*

They all ate and were satisfied.

FATHER ALPHONSUS AFINA

Please continue to keep Fr. Alphonsus, his family, and the other captors in your prayers, morning, afternoon, and evening. In Bishop Steve's words:

"we, through our prayers are very powerful!"

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus and our Mother Mary soften the hearts of their captors and bring them home safely!

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

2:30 PM Sunday, June 22nd

From Sacred Heart Cathedral to Immaculate Conception Church

Join for a joyful Adoration of the Eucharist, in a reverent procession.

Be part of the best public display of your Faith!

***Due to the heat, remember to bring water to keep hydrated and wear a hat if prone to sunburn Form a relay to participate so one leg can pick up where the other drops out!*



Youth Group, Catechism, & Oratory return in Fall. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org.

MONDAY

SHC Book Club: Returns this Fall. For more info on book titles, contact Jan Fortune at: 43janetf@gmail.com
Bible Study Monday Nite – On break until Fall.

TUESDAY

Voices of Hope Prayer Group: 6:00-8:30PM downstairs in SHC Community Room every Tuesday. All are welcome!

FRIDAY

To request Food Boxes - people may call in orders at (907) 374-0572 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM and pick up their food boxes from 12:15 – 1:00 PM.

SATURDAY

Confessions & Adorations of the Blessed Sacrament – 3:00 – 4:00 PM at SHC.

Young Adult Summer Outing to the Goldpanners Game - June 21st at 5pm. All who register on the Diocesan Website by June 13th will receive free tickets to the Goldpanners game. Parishioners must be 18-35 years old to participate. Registration can be found at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/young-adult-summer-outings>

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism Classes: The three-part Baptism class is for parents of infants and children under the age of 7. For more information, email Fr. Peter Bang at pbanng@cbna.org.

Marriage Preparations – Contact Fr. Ross at rtozzi@cbna.org or call (907) 347-3005 *six (6) prior to wedding.*

Please keep the parish offices updated if you know someone in the hospital or needing a visit because they are homebound.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What does the Catholic Church call its moral code?
(Answer found on last page.)

What does the Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrate?
 Also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly, and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation (“change of substance”) when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, “This is My Body,” “This is the chalice of My Blood,” “Do this in remembrance of Me.” In 2025, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 19, but it is transferred to Sunday, June 22 in some dioceses. <https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/corpuschristi/>



Justice Challenge: As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are reminded that we are the body of Christ here on earth today. We are called to be his hands and feet, his heart, ears, and shoulders to those who need him most. Your challenge this week is to look around—at your local community, but also at the national and global news—to reflect on who needs you to be Jesus’ body this week. And what part of Jesus are you called to be? Will you be the listening ear, the shoulder to cry on, the heart of compassion, the thoughtful brain, the voice for those whose voices are suppressed? Be Jesus this week. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the Second Reading:** The focus of this solemnity is not limited to our eating and drinking the eucharistic elements, but leads to our living the total self-giving of Christ: “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.”



... **to experience:** Total self-giving seems beyond human capability. Only little by little do we grow in our capacity to give ourselves as Jesus did. The Eucharist nourishes and encourages us as we are more and more in our daily lives choose self-giving. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

True Authority

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things... (Mk. 14:22)

Adults: Have you had an experience of not having enough of some gift or grace, then receiving more than enough? What happened?

Kids: What do you have a little of that you can share with someone who has less? <https://pastoral.center>

Quote From the papal decree instituting the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Pope Urban IV

“Although the Eucharist is celebrated solemnly every day, we deem it fitting that at least once a year it be celebrated with greater honor and a solemn commemoration. Indeed, we grasp the other things we commemorate with our spirit and our mind, but this does not mean that we obtain their real presence. On the contrary, in this sacramental commemoration of Christ, even though in a different form, Jesus Christ is present with us in his own substance. While He was about to ascend into Heaven he said ‘And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age’” (Matthew 28:20).

“Man cannot live without the eucharist.”
 - ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARÉ



Why do we celebrate Corpus Christi? Today, we remind ourselves and the world just *Who the Eucharist is.*

The year 1264 saw the proclamation of a new feast for the Church.

Years before, a holy nun had received a dream indicating the need for this feast. Various delays slowed its institution, until a Eucharistic miracle in 1263 finalized the Church's decision to declare the feast. Its lovely Office—admired to this day by Protestants as well as Catholics—was written by St. Thomas Aquinas.

This feast is what we all know as Corpus Christi—the Feast of the Body of Christ.

Like the three previous feasts of Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi solemnly celebrates one of the fundamental mysteries of the Church.

In the celebration of this feast, we honor Jesus as He is among us in the Holy Eucharist. The feast focuses specifically on “transubstantiation,” the miracle of the “change of substance” which the bread and wine undergo at Consecration.



The Church chose to set the feast on a Thursday because that is the day on which the first Mass was sacrificed. Just as every Sunday is a mini-celebration of the Resurrection, so every Thursday reflects the first Consecration.

Today, we adore Jesus—truly Emmanuel, *God with us*, through the Eucharist—telling Him with jubilation and solemnity how much we love Him.

On several occasions, the bread and wine have miraculously manifested themselves as what they are after Consecration—real flesh and real blood. *A Cardiologist Examines Jesus* takes five of these Eucharistic miracles and presents the scientific data backing them up. Fascinating and factual, this riveting book shows how all Eucharistic miracles are linked in one crucial way. <https://catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
As the Day Was Drawing to a Close



It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: *Stupid, you've done it again.*

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction, and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

“As the day was drawing to a close,” it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hungry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, “Finally”? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

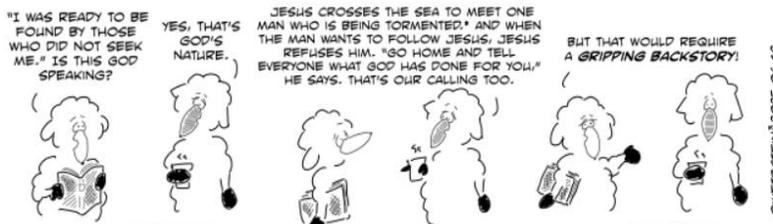
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This week we celebrate the **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**, the fore-runner of Christ. Chosen by God to prepare the way for the Lord,

John preached a message of repentance and baptized many, including Jesus Himself. May we follow his example of bold faith and humble service as we strive to elad others to Christ.

Pray for all in the world living in fear, suffering, persecution, or facing death.





Stewardship Report

June 15: \$ 742.00
Actual Collection YTD
(7/24- 6/25): \$ 67,515.60
Parishioner Count: 81

Thank you for your continued support!

June's 3% will go to the Peter's Pence Collection providing the Holy Father with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Stewardship Moment

"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (LUKE 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.



JUNE 2025 PRAYER INTENTION

That the world might grow in compassion:
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Pray for... Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Steven Maekawa, OP, Fr. Ross Tozzi, priests, and religious in our diocese. May the Holy Spirit support our future with them.

...Fr. Alphonsus Afina's safety in captivity, that our prayers may give him strength and help in his release; and all other Christians held in captivity.

...respect for life from conception to natural death.

...all who are sick, hospitalized, or facing medical treatment.

...the those on our parish who lost loved ones. May our prayers bring them comfort in their sadness.

...eternal rest for all our faithfully departed relatives and friends.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

"He spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured." (Luke 9:11b)

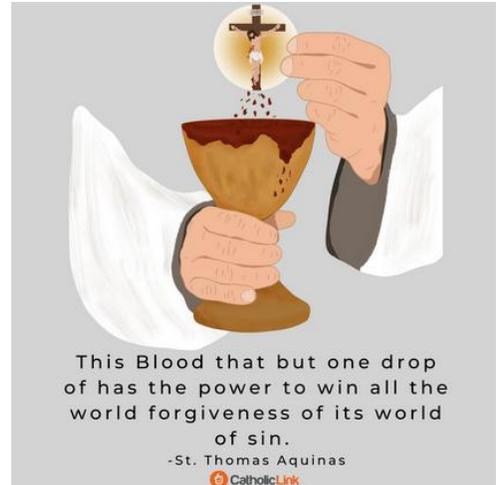
Just as Christ ministered to the needs of those around Him, you may be called to bring spiritual healing and proclaim God's kingdom to His people. Talk to your priest to your priest or reaching out to Fr. Robert Fath in the Vocation Office at rfath@cbna.org.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Our diocese is committed to creating a safe environment for everyone. If you are aware of abuse, you are encouraged to report the abuse to local law enforcement agencies and to contact our Victim Assistance emailing vac@cbna.org. For more information access the Diocese Safe Environment <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abu>

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL/ CHANCERY PARKING LOT PROJECT

Drive carefully and follow the signs when using the parking lot. It will be done in different stages, so be aware of changes that occur. Check the Bulletin Board in the vestibule of SHC or their [website](#) .

A Call to Serve... We **NEED** parishioners to join us in the following ministries: altar servers, extraordinary eucharistic ministers, and/or lectors (readers). Training will be provided! If you are interested or want more information, contact Mary Pat Boger at the Parish Office at 907-374-9544 or email: mboger@cbna.org.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Diocese of Fairbanks Job Opening - **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**. This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits for the Diocese of Fairbanks. To apply, submit a cover letter, résumé, and three references to humanresources@cbna.org. If you know anyone that may be interested, please direct them for description of position to <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> or have them email. humanresources@cbna.org.

Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay
for the Sanctification of Priests
Friday 27 June 2025
Pray the Rosary, unite with your country and help encircle the world in prayer

The Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for Priests 2025 - organised and coordinated by Worldpriest. For further information visit our Website: www.worldpriest.com Email: info.worldpriest@gmail.com

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Answer: The Magisterium